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## The Children's Literature Comprehensive Database

**The Children's Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD).** The CLCD Company. ([www.childrenslit.com](http://www.childrenslit.com)). 2004. \$275 for use within a single school, discount for multiple schools within a district. (Accessed 2/2/04).

**Gr all levels, professional**—CLCD is an Internet subscription-based acquisition, research, and reference service offering 900,000 MARC records and more than 150,000 full-text reviews of children's books, multimedia, audiobooks, etc. from 27 sources including The ALAN Review, Booklist, The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, CCBC Choices, The Five Owls, The Horn Book Magazine, Audio Reviews, Inis, KIRKUS Reviews, KLIATT, Midwest Book Review, Resource Links, and VOYA. Most reviews are from 1993 forward. A typical entry contains book jacket images, full-text review(s), awards, reading measurement programs' measurement parameters, the MARC record, and cross-searching for other titles with the same subject headings or same reviewer. From the results page you can link to Barnes & Noble and receive an additional 5 percent discount as a CLCD subscriber.

Users can search for specific titles, authors, and subjects and see the associated reviews, prepare annotated lists/bibliographies, and locate and download MARC records. The "Saved Checked Items" and the "Sort" features can be used to create bibliographies and reading lists. Linking to the library WEBPAC is another available feature. CLCD also maintains an extensive Web site with information

and links to thousands of Web sites and features of interest to teachers, librarians, school media specialists, parents, and kids. A popular feature is the listing of 3,000 Web features about children's authors and illustrators. National, state, and international awards winners are included as far back as the first Newbery in 1922 along with more than 60 best books lists, plus all state reading lists. Search tutorials are provided on several topics. Web sites with information on Children's Literature Collections, Web Sites

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and Databases; Upcoming Conferences; Essays, Reviews, and Literary Criticism; Literacy and Reading Associations and Organizations for Parents and Teachers; and Teaching Guides/Lesson Plans/Teaching Materials are accessible to non-

subscribers. The "New Search" button takes you back to the search page, where you can find a link to the "Home Page." The MARC records would be easier to locate and import if the button on the search results page was relabeled "Download MARC Record(s)." The MARC record can only be viewed from the individual search record for each title and can't be downloaded from the view page.

The database is updated monthly and subscribers receive an e-newsletter announcing the new features along with a search tip of the month. Prior newsletters are posted and the search tips are periodically updated to reflect what has appeared in the newsletters. School library media specialists will find CLCD user-friendly and cost-effective, particularly if all the features are utilized. Free demonstrations and trials are available. ■